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Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno Visited DRG International At 841 Mountain Ave. In Springfield To Join In The Celebration Of The Company's New Worldwide Headquarters And Participated In The Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, DRG CEO and Founder Dr. Cyril Geacintov and DRG Executive Vice President Elke Geacintov officially cut the ribbon and open the facility

On April 29, 2013 Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno met with DRG CEO and Founder Dr. Geacintov to discuss DRG's role in New Jersey's ever-growing biotech industry, and briefly toured the building. Lt. Governor Guadagno also met with local officials, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce chairmen, and Business Improvement District chairpeople.

DRG develops, manufactures, and distributes medical diagnostic tests and equipment for application in clinical labs and research institutions worldwide. DRG offers nearly 1,000 products to customers in more than 110 countries worldwide. DRG has chosen to continue to call New Jersey its worldwide headquarters of over 40 years and has recently moved to its new facility located in Springfield.



Springfield Business Improvement Chairman Mike Scalera, DRG CEO and Founder Dr. Cyril Geacintov, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Springfield Patriot Chamber of Commerce Co-Chairman Pat Paolella and Scott Seidel

"We are proud to have New Jersey continue to be the world-wide headquarters of DRG International. From here, our high-tech diagnostic testing kits and accessories are distributed to nearly 120 countries, on five continents," said Cyril Geacintov, Ph.D., President, CEO and Founder DRG International.

The company has sales of over \$80 million annually and is introducing a new product, the Hybrid:XL analyzer to the market in late 2013. The development of this new technology and the company's advances into products such as dry bloodspot testing have led to the need for the new headquarters which will have expansive new laboratory space.

To date, DRG has invested over \$1 million dollars in renovating and equipping its new 35,000 square foot facility to fit the company's needs, including refurbishing and expanding laboratories.

Currently, the majority of the company's research and development activities are housed at its facility in Marburg, Germany, but DRG intends to expand that division to the US in the near future.

With the Lt. Governor's focus on economic development in New Jersey, especially that of the biotechnology field, it was an exciting opportunity to have her at DRG to speak with company leadership about the future of the industry and DRG's role. The event was attended by several local officials from Springfield, Mountain-side and Union County.



DRG Executive Vice President Elke Geacintov, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno look on while DRG CEO and Founder Dr. Cyril Geacintov explains DRG's operations and equipment to the people in attendance at the reception

About DRG International

Founded in 1970 by CEO Dr. Cyril E. Geacintov, DRG International is a leading specialty medical equipment and diagnostics manufacturer. With a worldwide presence, the company develops, manufactures and distributes state-of-the-art medical diagnostic kits and equipment for the cardiology, angiography, endocrinology, gynecology, and immunodiagnostics fields that the end-user can depend on for consistent and accurate results. DRG develops, manufactures, and distributes medical diagnostic tests and equipment for application in clinical labs and research institutions worldwide, offering nearly 1,000 products to customers in nearly 120 countries.



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Message from the Mayor

“Public trust in politics”, this may seem like an oxymoron but it need not be. When I first joined this committee two years ago, the only campaign promises I made were to always do the best job I could in the interests of the whole town (not just my political party), and to help control our taxes. On April 30, 2013, the township committee adopted this year’s municipal budget, which I firmly believe adheres to both of my promises. I am quite proud of the jobs done by our township administrator, township CFO, department heads, and the finance sub-committee. I commend them all for an outstanding and incredibly responsible commitment this year.

Committeeman David Barnett and I introduced the 2013 budget at three separate hearings last month (including our April 30th meeting), along with our township administrator, Anthony Cancro, and our township CFO, Michael Quick. This year’s budget represents the smallest dollar or percentage increase in many years, which is quite remarkable when you consider that there are no cuts in service, no furloughs, no layoffs, and quite simply no staffing or service changes. The only mandate this year was that no new full-time employees be hired.

Also, there are new capital projects, which the town has needed for quite a while, including building generators for all the major township properties, a new pool filtration system, and finally the first tangible evidence of our downtown’s resurgence, with the BID receiving \$240,000 for redevelopment costs. This is only a start, and as this project moves forward, the future costs (which will be substantial) will be borne by the new businesses and real estate developers, which should prove to be an ideal public-private partnership.

Lastly, by keeping this budget very close to last year’s budget (the average taxpayer will pay an increase of \$5.85 on the local portion only compared to last year), we are imposing fiscal constraints moving forward, as the year to year increase allowed by state law is heavily dictated by the previous year’s total (meaning we have to be just as responsible in future years as well).

Thanks for reading and as always feel free to contact me or any other township committee member through our @springfield-nj.us email addresses or by phone or regular mail at town hall.

David Amlen, Mayor 2013

COME CHECK US OUT 55 AND OLDER SENIORS

**The group gets together at Sarah Bailey Center
30 Church Mall
twice monthly first & third Thursday of the month**

Our meeting begins at 11:30am and members enjoy socializing, coffee and conversation with other seniors and visits from interesting speakers. It's a nice place to meet other friends. The center offers daily activities such as bingo, movies, cards and other games hopefully bringing back fitness for seniors like chair yoga and chair zumba. We also do trips to restaurant's around Springfield and other places. If interested please contact Pat at 917-797-4402 or email Pat.Imbriale@springfield-nj.us--

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

Monday, May 13th, 7:30 p.m. at FD – Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, May 14th, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 28th, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall – Regular Meeting

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Kenneth Faigenbaum Meeting Room - Township Hall
All Township Committee meetings are open to the public and
we encourage residents to attend.

PLANNING BOARD

1st Wednesday, 7:30

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

4th Wednesday, 7:30

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH

2nd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

RENT LEVELING BOARD

last Thursday of month, 7 p.m.

All of the above meet in Municipal Building.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. – Sarah Bailey Civic Center

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. – Annex

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3rd Thursday, 7:30 in Library

THE BID AT WORK

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Don't miss out, like us at Facebook.com/Springfieldnewjersey.

Redevelopment Update

The BID has been meeting with Property owners in the Downtown and is working with them to develop a redevelopment plan for this area. The BID hired a Planner and an Engineer and they have begun working to develop a concept plan for redeveloping the Downtown. This is an important step in keeping the process moving forward.

The Township has applied for a grant for approximately \$90,000 from Together North Jersey Local Demonstration Project Program. If received, this will help offset the costs of hiring professionals for the redevelopment project.

Visual Improvement Committee

The BID is working with the Township Committee and the Planning Board to help make Springfield a business friendly community. See our response to recommended proposed changes for getting business permits:

Re: BID Comments on TRC Recommendations
The Springfield Community Partnership (BID) has reviewed the proposed TRC recommendations and we support all of the recommendations with two exceptions:

3. Change of tenancy for all alike businesses (ex. bakery to bakery, etc) can be approved by the Zoning Officer or myself without TRC appearance.

We view the requirement for a change in tenancy (unless it is an identical business), even though it is a permitted use in the zone, being required to go to the TRC is a regression with respect to Change of Occupancy requirements for commercial uses in Town. If a use is permitted in a zone, a prospective business should know they could open without the added burden of a Board (albeit informal) review or hearing. The Zoning Officer should be able to inspect the property and decide if the application needs to go before the Planning Board due to site issues, or issue the CO as meeting all requirements.

We agree with the Patriot Chamber of Commerce regarding the sixth line item, recommending an application fee of \$300. We believe that coupled with other fees for a CO (\$212) can be excessive for a small business. Someone moving into a small one or two room suite will pay the same review fee as someone moving into a large warehouse. Perhaps an exception or lower fee can be arrived at for smaller space. While these are onetime costs, they do add up.

We approve of the recommendation regarding permitted signs and view this as a move in the right direction as we have been advocating for its inclusion with permitted Changes in Tenancy. If a sign conforms to the ordinance, a business should be able to file for a sign permit and pay those fees without the need for a second fee and additional review.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments prior to voting on these changes. I know we all look forward to continuing to make Springfield a more "Business Friendly" community.

The BID's VIC Committee will begin meeting to discuss Welcome to Springfield and directional signage for the Town. We are hoping to help direct visitors to our shopping districts, Township buildings and historical sites. We will work on a plan for design and location of these signs to implement in 2014.

Springfield's Very Own App!!

Great news about the Springfield App!, The BID is in the process of testing the app to check for bugs before it is officially released. We are hoping to launch the App in June. We will keep you informed.

MARKETING

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Police Chief's Column

Chief John P. Cook

Readers of the Springfield Patriot Times may notice that many of my columns pertain to how you can be wary of, and not fall victim to, various fraud scams that are committed via the internet or by telephone or through the mail. My frequency in alerting the readers of the Springfield Patriot Times is in the hope that the more residents who become aware of these scams will result in fewer residents contacting the police department to report falling for one of these cons and losing substantial amounts of money.

I ask all readers of the Springfield Patriot Times to just take a minute to read over this column and to share this information with family and friends. To prevent becoming a victim of any of the myriad of fraud scams that are committed or attempted everyday there is one common red flag to look for in every scheme. Regardless of whether you are contacted via e-mail or over the telephone or through the mail the suspect will try some intricate plan in order to convince you to wire money to an out of state location or to a foreign country. If any reader of my Springfield Patriot Times column is approached in any of the aforementioned ways and is required to wire money in order to collect some type of prize or to pay some type of shipping fees or reimburse someone who sent you a check for too much money on an item you were selling or services you advertise for, you must.....stop and do not rush out to wire any funds.....instead think over what you are being asked to do.....remember you can contact the Springfield Police Department for our help in verifying if you are the recipient of a fraud attempt.

Most fraud scams that specifically target residents are done via the internet or via the telephone and are designed to obtain either money from or personal identity information of the intended victim. This will be an attempt to have monies wired to the fraudsters or obtain credit account numbers or identity information such as a Social Security number.

- Any mail received or an internet e-mail or even a telephone call that indicates a resident is a winner of any type of sweepstakes or foreign lottery where some type of monetary fee is required to be paid is an outright scam. If you did not enter any sweepstakes or participated in any foreign lottery, there is no way you can be a winner. Whenever fees are required to be paid in advance in order to collect the supposed prize, this is a scam to con you out of your money.

- If you are selling an item over the internet or you advertise some type of service that you perform, be wary of persons who contact you wanting to purchase items you've listed for sale or wanting to pay you for the services you offer where the subject pays by

check which is payable to more monies than were agreed to. This scam specifically wants the intended victim to believe that the check was made out in the inflated amount by accident and will attempt to have the victim wire any monetary difference before the actual check is discovered to be counterfeit. The suspects will always be out of state or in a foreign country but will claim to be in the process of moving into Springfield. The scam targets persons selling any item from a car to a couch or offering services from babysitting to piano lessons.

- Do not give out personal information to callers who claim to be representatives of your bank or any business you may have a credit account with. The fraudster may also pose as a law enforcement official with the call pretending to be some type of investigation into fraud on your account. This is done to con you into giving out a Social Security number or other personal information when the caller asks you to prove your identity. Remember that anyone who calls you should already know who you are and you do not have to give out confidential information in order to prove your identity. This same scam, known as "phishing" can also involve bogus e-mails purporting to be from a financial institution or governmental agency and is intended to con you into divulging your identity information.

- Fraudsters will make phone calls where they claim that a family member who is usually said to be out of state or out of the country was arrested and requires bail money or was kidnapped and is being held for ransom. The caller will demand the victim not only go to wire money but will insist that the victim remain on the cell phone the entire time. These cons are easy to detect and the requested money for bail or the supposed "ransom demand" is usually less than one thousand dollars and the claim the family member is out of the country is to thwart any desire by a victim to think they could simply call their relative to verify their safety.

In short, I would like all recipients and readers of the Springfield Patriot Times to just take a minute and to read my monthly column so you will know how to spot these scams and thereby to prevent from falling for the myriad of fraud schemes that only seem to increase with every new development in technology. As newer forms of technology bring about newer and more sophisticated types of fraud or confidence scams, both residential and business recipients of the Springfield Patriot Times should remember that there is one old adage that is as true today as it was years ago, and that is..."if something seems too good to be true, it probably is".

ADULT HEALTH AND MEN'S CANCER SCREENING

Two important health screening events are offered to Madison, Chatham Borough, Chatham Township and Springfield adults in June. Adult men are encouraged to attend the men's cancer screening on Monday, June 3 starting at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Darren Blumberg will perform testicular, prostate, and colo-rectal examinations for the men's screening. Men aged 15-35 are at risk of developing testicular cancer, whereas prostate cancer is more common in men over 55. Colo-rectal cancer is most frequently found in men over the age of 40.

Both men and women are encouraged to check their heart health at the Adult Health Screening on Saturday, June 8, 2012 starting at 8 a.m. The screening includes the CMP (comprehensive metabolic profile blood analysis), blood pressure checks, information on cholesterol and diet, fitness and preventing osteoporosis. The CMP analysis includes total cholesterol, HDL and LDL cholesterol, CBC and other blood components. Registration is required for each program.

Registrations may be made by calling 973-593-3079 ext. 1 on weekdays starting May 9. Madison and Springfield residents are charged a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 for the CMP blood test payable within the registration period. There is no charge for the men's cancer screening.

A cholesterol reading of under 200ml/dl is recommended, but the levels of HDL and LDL, components of cholesterol, are also of major importance for good heart health. Dietary fats, fiber, and exercise can all affect cholesterol levels. Information on lowering cholesterol levels will be available.

The screenings are offered by the Madison Health Department in their offices at the Madison Civic Center, 28 Walnut Street with parking behind the building. Entrance is through the glass doors on the side of the building and down the stairs to the offices on the right.

All residents of Madison, Chatham Borough, Chatham Township and Springfield may participate and should have their physician's name, address and telephone number ready when they call.

RABIES CLINICS

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is proud to announce an upcoming schedule of state/municipal sponsored rabies clinics throughout the area. It is important that most pets, and especially cats, be vaccinated against rabies, if they haven't already received the vaccine.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF DATES AND LOCATIONS THROUGH THE FALL, PLEASE VISIT: <http://ucnj.org/rabies-clinics/>

All animals should be licensed and it is recommended that ALL pets be on a LEASH! Cats should be contained in carriers.



*Celebrate
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SAFELY !!*

DALE SPINDEL WAS INSTALLED AS LIBRARY DIRECTOR ON APRIL 17, 2013 WITH MANY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE



(r to l) Helen Heumann – Board of Trustees member, Shari Gozlan – Board of Trustees member, Cheryl Mullman – Board of Trustees member, Dale Spindel – New Library Director, Margaret Bandrowski – Member of the Township Committee, Anne Roman – Interim Library Director

GRAND OPENING OF THE CARPET GIRL SLATED FOR JUNE 12TH

New Shop-At-Home Personal Flooring Service Opens In Springfield, NJ

Springfield dignitaries, family, friends, business owners, carpet mill reps and others will gather at 6PM on Wednesday June 12, 2013 to participate in the grand opening ceremony of The Carpet Girl, a new shop-at-home personal flooring service located at One Cornell Parkway, Suite 102, in Springfield, NJ. (www.thecarpetgirl.com) According to the owner, Dianne Grossman, The Carpet Girl provides personal attention, in-home service, factory direct carpet and flooring and offers a full service – from measuring to installation.

With 20 years invested in the flooring and carpet business, Grossman has always had the dream of opening up her own business. “The key to our success is that we never over promise or under deliver,” said Grossman. “In fact,” she added, “people have been attracted to The Carpet Girl because they like our style and the way we do business.” What sets The Carpet Girl apart from her competition is the ability to meet her customers at a time and place that is convenient for them. “All our customers have our personal and cell phone numbers so that we can be reached 24/7 should there be a change in plans or direction in connection with their flooring needs,” Grossman said. “It’s a privilege to be welcomed into so many homes in New Jersey to help navigate the confusing world of flooring,” Grossman said.

Guests will enjoy wine and hors d’oeuvres between 6 and 8PM with the ribbon cutting starting at 6PM.

See Dianne’s Bio on page 10

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH

Springfield residents and NJ Promise Walk for Preeclampsia Coordinators, Stephanie and Marissa Steiner, receive a proclamation declaring the month of May as Preeclampsia Awareness Month in Springfield from Mayor David Amlen. The walk will be held on May 19 and has already raised \$30,000 and an immeasurable amount of awareness.



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Tuesday, May 14th, is the last day to register to vote for the June Primary Election which is Tuesday, June 4th. The Township Clerk's Office will be open until 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 28th, is the last day to apply by mail for a Mail-In Ballot for the June Primary Election.

MOLD GUIDELINES

The New Jersey Department of Health today released Mold Guidelines for New Jersey Residents pamphlet http://www.state.nj.us/health/ceohs/documents/mold_guidelines.pdf created to provide direction to residents on addressing mold in homes in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. The guidelines were developed to better inform homeowners on how to ensure their homes are cleaned and remediated properly to avoid mold problems now and in the future.

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL SECOND TRIMESTER 2013:

FIRST HONORS

Grade 8 - Madison Jones, Jonathan Garzon
Grade 7 - Ian Ellmer
Grade 6 - Daniel Malave
Grade 5 - Luke Bernstein, Rianna Cordeiro, Mikaela Criscuolo, Alexandra Gaston, Kyle Roethlin, Michael Speckhart, Christina Tillinghast, Madison Wright
Grade 4 - Jacob Cordeiro, Adelina Pinho

SECOND HONORS

Grade 8 - Jack Burgess, Megan Duffy, Victoria Gainey, Reuben Montilus, Emma Moxley, Mikaela Robes, Kieran Roy, Ingrid Veloso
Grade 7 - Lucia Alaimo, Arthur Anigbogu, Alyssa Carbonell, Sherilynn Garcia, Camille Martinez, Gabriella Musico
Grade 6 - Kevin Duffy, Maura Duffy, Nicole Ellerbrock, Kendall Ellmer, James McElroy, Carl Sanciango
Grade 5 - Deraje Agbaosi, Jocelyn Duallo, Grace Fischer, Kayla Flowers, David Gbadamosi, John McElroy, Rachelle Montilus, Matthew Wightman, Najlaa Williams
Grade 4 - Eleanor Agress, Thomas Burgess, Joseph Cangiano, Jason Chacon, Patricia Falar, Ryan Fischer, Samuel Ilagan, Roselyn Ortiz, Alexandra Pinho

HONORABLE MENTION

Grade 8 - Stephanie Daniels, Marinna Kwinta,
Grade 7 - Michael Diamante, Thea Stratman-Olibrice
Grade 6 - Tyler Kwinta, Elisa Neri, Shane Williamson
Grade 5 - John Anigbogu, Julianna Gore
Grade 4 - Andre Lissinna, Gianna Melegh, Nicholas Musico, Isabella Robledo, Daniella Rosero, Justine Ternier

KEEPING KIDS SAFE PROJECT MAY 10TH & 11TH

Join us on May 10th and 11th at the Autoland Toyota auto dealership for free FBI quality digital fingerprint and photographs from one of the top child safety programs in the country! The Keeping Kids Safe Project will take a child's fingerprints and send them home with parents. Parents can use the record to turn directly over to authorities anywhere in the world to instantly aid in an investigation. There will also be community organizations present to provide safety information and entertainment for families.

The child safety fair will take place Friday, May 10th from 3PM-7PM and Saturday, May 11th from 10AM-4PM. Autoland Toyota is located at 170 Route 22 East Springfield, NJ 07081. If you have any questions, you can contact Danielle at Danielle@sipkids.com or call 319-268-0248 ex 16.

IMAGE OF NEW JERSEY

Springfield: On Thursday May 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm Springfield Free Public Library will host an author and a lecturer Michael Rockland who will talk about the evolution of New Jersey's image, dating back to colonial days, considering the origins of the New Jersey joke and of New Jersey's peculiar position of being something of a conduit between two of America's greatest cities, New York and Philadelphia. He will also cover the disparity between New Jersey's nickname the Garden State and its reality as the state with the most Superfund sites and the most densely populated of the 50 states, more densely populated than India. He'll cover the relatively recent renaissance in New Jersey pride and prominence.

Michael Rockland is a professor of American Studies at Rutgers University and the author of 12 books three of which received prestigious literary awards. Rockland has won five major teaching/lecturing awards in American Studies. He lectured in some twenty one countries in the World.

This is a free program and everyone is welcome. This program was made possible by the Brooklyn College Alumni Association.

MARC A. KRAUSS CHOSEN GRAND MARSHAL



Major (Retired) Marc A. Krauss, was recently chosen by the Jewish War Veterans Post 273 of Springfield serving all of Union County to be the Grand Marshal of the annual Springfield Memorial Day Parade on May 27th, 2013. Krauss is the

youngest member of Post 273 and the only Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran.

"I'm honored and humbled at being selected Grand Marshal of Springfield's Annual Memorial Day Parade.", Krauss said. "Not only do I represent a new generation of veterans, but on this day I represent all veterans." he further stated.

Marc A. Krauss is a retired U.S. Army Major with over 21 active duty years of service in both the Air Force and the Army. He began his military service enlisting in the Air Force obtaining the rank of Sergeant. While in college he simultaneously attended Army ROTC and served in the Nebraska Army National Guard. In 1996, Marc was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Defense Artillery (Patriot Missiles) immediately following graduation.

Marc served in all key leadership positions through the rank of Major including Platoon Leader, Battery Commander and Battalion S4 - Logistics Officer. Marc deployed to Kuwait in support Operation Iraqi Freedom and on April 1st, 2003 crossed into Iraq and was in Baghdad shortly

thereafter. Marc returned to Iraq in 2005 for his 2nd tour as an Army Liaison Officer to the U.S. Air Force, 31st Fighter Wing. He concluded his military service as an Operations Readiness Analyst in June 2008 at U.S. Army Headquarters, Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, VA.

Richard Shipman, Post Commander said, "For his 21 years of service to his country, with two tours in Iraq, for his complete commitment to the Springfield community, serving as a member of the Township Committee, among other duties, I am proud and honored to present this year's Grand Marshal, Major, Retired, Marc A. Krauss."

The Jewish War Veteran Post is a member of the Springfield Veteran Alliance along with the American Legion of Springfield. Each veteran group alternates yearly in selecting a Grand Marshall for the annual parade. The parade begins at 10:00 A.M. in front of the Springfield Municipal Building at 100 Mountain Ave and concludes at Veterans Park.

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UNION COUNTY RECYCLING INFORMATION

Union County has many programs available to residents of the county. Please check the website for dates and locations: <http://ucnj.org/community/recycling>. You can also receive information by calling them at 973-912-2225.

Computer and Electronics:

Springfield accepts computer and electronics collection on the first Saturday of the month at the Springfield Municipal Pool. There are other dates through Union County if you are unable to attend the Springfield dates.

Paper Shredding:

This is the time of year that many of us have a mass amount of paper from post-tax cleaning. The county has numerous dates for you to take (a maximum of four bags/boxes) for on-premise shredding.

Scrap Metal:

You can take old appliances, bicycles, lawn furniture, and many more types of scrap metal on the first Thursday and third Saturday of the month.

Medication:

Union County now has a permanent collection program for unused, unwanted and expired medication. The medication drop-off box is located at the County Police Department, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield in the Sheriff Froehlich Building and is available to residents 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

Household Special Waste:

Batteries, fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, oil-based paints, tires and more can be recycled through the County every other month.

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY 1:00-5:00 PM

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Youth Services Events @ Springfield Free Public Library: Our programs are free and open to the public, no matter what town or county you live in!

Math Homework Help for Grades 1 and up Mondays @ 4 to 5 pm. Bring your textbook and your homework and go to the head of the class! This is a drop-in session, shared with other students.

Let's Play Chess for ages 9 to 12 Mondays @ 7 to 8pm Meet new friends over this challenging and fun game. Students must know how to play chess and be at least 9 years old.

Wii games for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 Wednesdays @ 4pm Wii play Super Smash Bros Brawl.

Bookworms for Grades 1, 2, and 3. Tuesdays @ 3:45 to 4:45 Share your favorite chapter books, make a craft and enjoy a snack!

New! Book Page Bingo Grades 1, 2 and 3. Mondays May 6 and 13 and Thursday May 30 @ 4:00 to 5p.m. A fun twist on an old game!

Storycraft Fridays @ 4pm a story and a brilliant craft for ages 3 to 7 with caregiver

Storytime Yoga with Miss Pam Fridays May 10, 17, 31 @ 10:30am ages 2 to 5

Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers with caregiver. **Tuesdays May 7, 14, 21; Wednesday May 29; Friday May 3; Saturdays May 11 and 25, Tuesday June 4 and Friday June 7 @ 10:30 a.m.**

Tween Crafts (Grades 4 and up) at the Library will be at 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday May 9 and 23.**

Teen Lit Review will be on Wed., May 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is open to Grades 6 to 12. Come and read reviews of new teen books and recommend your favorites for the library. Earn one hour community service and enjoy refreshments.

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Check Library website for regular MGG schedule: www.sfplnj.org

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo Sunday May 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Youth Services room. Make a fun craft!

Save the date! Saturday June 29 @ 3:15pm Fit4Kids ages 3 to 7 with caregiver. Back by popular demand, Muscle Man Mike brings "The Healthiest Show on Earth!" This joint will be jumpin' with Games, Singing, Music and EXERCISING!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, May 30th, 11:00am - 12:30pm Overlook Hospital "Healthy Avenue Van" - Hearing screening.

LECTURES

Thursday, May 9th, 7:00 pm
Image of New Jersey presented by Michael Rockland of Brooklyn College.

DISCUSSIONS AND WRITING

Thursday, May 16th, 10:15 am
Great Books Discussion Group

Thursdays, May 23rd and June 13th
Memoir Writing Group with Zella Geltman 10:15 am

Monday, June 3rd, 7:00 pm
Current Events Discussion Group with Bobby Fewell

Thursday, June 6th, 7:00 pm
Really Good Book Discussion Group - "The Sense of an Ending" by Julian Barnes.

FILMS

Thursday, May 16th at 1:00 pm & 6:45pm
Spring International Film Festival: A story of Daniel, a successful international conductor who returns to his childhood village in Sweden. He can't refuse when asked for advice by the local church choir, and nothing in the village is the same again.

Tuesday, May 28th, 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film Series - The fifth film in the "MORE FILM NOIR" series. Joan Crawford won the Academy Award as best actress for her role as Mildred Pierce, in the story based on the book by James Cain.

Monday, June 10th at 1:00 pm Lunchtime Film Series - The sixth and the last film in the "MORE FILM NOIR" series. Young, rich, bedridden Leona Stevenson (Barbara Stanwyck) dials a phone number one night and overhears two men plotting the murder.

HOBBIES AND INFORMATION

Every Monday at 7:00 pm Scrabble - Bring a friend or meet new opponents!

Thursday, May 16th, 7:30 pm
Board of Trustees meeting

Monday, June 10th, 10:00 am
Knits Wits Knitting Group 10:00 am

Every Thursday night at 7:00 pm
Chess club

Every Friday thru May, 12:30 pm
Chair yoga with Pamela Nixon

INSTRUCTION

Every Tuesday & Thursday, One-to-One Computer Training BY APPOINTMENT 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY FRIENDS ORGANIZATION SEEKS DONATIONS FOR SALE

Jewelry donations are being sought by the Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library for its Annual Vintage Jewelry Sale in the fall. Jewelry including watches and costume jewelry are welcome. Donations may be brought to the Library's Circulation Desk all year long.

Also accepted all year long are donations of recent (last three months) popular magazines and paperback books (except romances). These items are set out for sale in the Library's Lobby throughout the year.

The Library is located at 66 Mountain Ave. in Springfield. Money raised by the Friends is used to help the library fund various programs, materials, and services.

The Friends Annual Book Sale will be held in August. Donations of used books (hard cover and paperback), CDs, DVDs, and educational games will be accepted in July.

FIRST AID SQUAD PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

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RICHARD HUBER AND DAVID AMLEN ANNOUNCE RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN



DAVID AMLEN

The Democratic Party of Springfield is pleased to announce that David Amlen and Richard Huber are running for re-election the Township Committee in November. Mr. Amlen is currently serving as Chair of the Township Committee (Mayor) and Mr. Huber is the Deputy Mayor.

Rich Huber, a resident of Springfield for 41 years, is well known for his dedication to the youth of the township and his many years of involvement in various sports and teen activities. He has served on numerous Boards and Committees; he is currently on the Recreation and Public Safety Sub-committees and is the Township Committee liaison with the Environmental Commission. Rich and his wife Ginny



RICHARD HUBER

raised their three children in Springfield, and two of them continue to live here with their own families.

David Amlen, in addition to serving as Mayor this year, is a member of both the Finance and Public Safety Sub-committees. He has served on the Board of Adjustment, the Environmental Committee and the Board of Health, and is now also on the Planning Board. His children attend Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School and the Magnet School Academy of Performing Arts.

Mr. Huber is a construction Supervisor in Manhattan. Mr. Amlen is a post-production engineer at CBS and also head of his own professional recording studio.

SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICANS NOMINATE JERRY FERNANDEZ AND DIANE STAMPOULOS FOR SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE



JERRY FERNANDEZ

Jerry Fernandez and Diane Stampoulos are both long-time Springfield residents with an active history of community participation.

Jerry lives on Hillside Avenue with his wife, Carmela, and their sons, Alexander, Christian and Robert. He is owner of the Spanish Pavillion restaurant and has served on the New Jersey Restaurant Association Board of Directors representing small businesses in Trenton. He has previously served the town as Deputy Mayor in 2012, working tirelessly during Hurricane Sandy, and spent three years on the Township Committee leading several significant improvement initiatives to include the downtown Business Improvement District and the



DIANE STAMPOULOS

Athletic Turf Field. Jerry also has experience as a former member of the Springfield Planning Board and Board of Health.

Diane lives on Salter Street with her husband, Teddy, and their children, Nicholas and Olivia. In addition to her entrepreneurial experience, Diane works as the Vice President of Sales for a title agency. Diane is a graduate of Seton Hall University and she is licensed in real estate and as a title insurance producer. In addition to helping at many school functions, Diane has a certificate in Land Use Law and Planning and she serves Springfield as a volunteer member of the Board of Adjustment.

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INVESTORS BANK TO BE HONORED AT B'NAI B'RITH LODGES ON JUNE 19

Investors Bank, one of the nation's major financial institutions, will be honored by one of the nation's major B'nai B'rith lodges on June 9 at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael, Springfield, NJ.



Kevin Cummings

Kevin Cummings, president and chief executive officer of Investors Bancorp and Investors Bank will accept the prestigious annual International Citizenship and Civic Affairs Award from Joseph Tenenbaum, president of B'nai B'rith's Springfield lodge which covers all of Union County and beyond.

"We are honoring Investors Bank this year because wherever this financial institution has offices it has played a key community role," Tenenbaum said. "For example, in Springfield, where Investors has for many years had two offices, Investors has long been involved in the community.

"In addition, we are all indebted to Investors for its major role in the survival of the wonderful Paper Mill Playhouse. Our board felt our award is long overdue for a major organization like B'nai B'rith to honor Investors and its officers. As such we are joining organizations such as Fortune and Barron's Magazines which last year singled out Investors for praise," Tenenbaum added.

Cummings has held the bank's top positions since January 1, 2008. He previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since July 2003. Prior to joining Investors Bank, Cummings had a 26-year career with the independent accounting firm of KPMG LLP, where he was partner for 14 years.

INSPIRED BY HER FATHER, ENCOURAGED BY HER HUSBAND AND CHEERED ON BY HER CHILDREN THE CARPET GIRL DEBUTS IN NEW JERSEY

On June 12, 2013, the dream of owning her own business becomes a reality for Dianne Grossman, as The Carpet Girl, an in-home flooring service, debuts in Springfield, NJ.

Inspired by her father, encouraged by her husband and cheered on by her four children, this 41 year old mom decided to buck the trend of primarily men selling flooring to woman and start her own shop-at-home flooring service. The Carpet Girl provides personal attention, in-home service, factory direct carpet and flooring and offers a full service... from measuring to installation. "Because of the fact that there is no middleman, I can pass the savings along to my customers," said Dianne.

With her southern charm (she was born and raised in Georgia) and outgoing personality, Dianne's business philosophy is to "Never over promise or under deliver." "People have been attracted to The Carpet Girl because they like our style," says Dianne. "It's a privilege to be welcomed into so many homes in New Jersey to help navigate the confusing world of flooring." She added that when a project is completed, "friends" are made as opposed to "clients." With 20 years invested in the flooring and carpet business, Dianne is always one step ahead of retailers, bringing the newest trends and lowest costs right to their door.

What sets The Carpet Girl apart from her competition is the ability to meet her customers at a time and place that is convenient for them. Her clientele does not have the time to shop the aisles of the big box stores. "All our customers have our personal and cell phone numbers so that we can be reached 24/7 should there be a change in plans or direction in connection with their flooring needs," said Dianne.

Although she holds an Associate's Degree in Travel & Tourism, it was working in Dalton, Georgia, a town with many carpet and flooring manufacturers, where she met her husband Seth. Both were involved in the flooring business. Today, Seth is a flooring wholesaler, selling materials and supplies to installers, like Dianne. Although they are in the same field, Dianne is involved in the shop-at-home flooring experience.

And, where does The Carpet Girl see herself in five years? "In addition to having my own warehouse, I'd like to have a team of Carpet Girls in the tri-state area devoted to selling carpet and flooring. Working with homeowners, designers and stagers, I'd like The Carpet Girl to be the first name that comes to mind when people need flooring, the Go to Gal Company," Dianne concluded.

The grand opening of The Carpet Girl will take place from 6PM to 8PM on Wed., June 12, 2013 at One Cornell Parkway, Suite 102, Springfield, NJ, with the ribbon cutting at 6PM. For more information call (973) 218-1155 or visit www.thecarpetgirl.com.



Dianne Grossman

SPRINGFIELD LAUNCHES CITIZEN SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM

The Township of Springfield launched a new **citizen service request** management system. Citizens expect a certain level of services and this new method is an easy, on-line way of letting the town know of your service request needs.

The web-based software tool is intended to allow Township officials to better manage **citizen service request**, increasing efficiency and shortening the response time. By using the system, Township officials will be able to quickly accept service requests and route them directly to the department responsible for resolving the issue.

Each entry is automatically assigned a tracking number and instantly routed via e-mail to the department responsible for handling the service request. Citizens can elect to be notified each time they submit a new request.

The Township is always looking for better ways to resolve issues for residents and businesses in an efficient and effective manner. Information will only be used to offer better services and improve Investors Bank of Springfield, NJ.

To submit a citizen service request, look for the logo below on the Township home page at <http://springfield-nj.us>

Springfield, Madison, Chatham Borough and Chatham Township Residents Adult Health Screening Saturday, June 8, 2013, 8 a.m. Madison Health Department

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and residents are charged a non-refundable fee of
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All residents of the four towns above may participate annually.
Participants should have their physician's name, address and
telephone number when they call.

Men's Cancer Screening

Monday, June 3, 2013, 6 - 8 p.m.

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FORMER SPRINGFIELD RESIDENT JOHN MESSINA INDUCTED INTO THE FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

On Sunday evening, April 28, 2013 at the Hilton Convention Center in Gainesville, Florida the Florida High School Athletic Association inducted seven new members into their Hall of Fame at the 23rd Annual FHSAA Hall of Fame induction ceremony. John Messina, a former Springfield resident who attended school at St. James in Springfield was one of the seven! After High School John left Springfield to attend college and now resides in Florida.

John Messina, 62, is an exemplary contributor to athletics in the state of Florida. John has served as a head coach for 20 years, an assistant coach for 14 years, and an Athletic Director for 15 years, currently serving in his seventh year as Athletic Director at Centennial High School in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

His involvement has been in basketball, golf, bowling, softball, and most notably baseball. John has an impressive record of 465 wins and 160 losses, which began during his 23 year coaching and administration span at Pace High School in Miami. He coached his teams to three state titles, two state runner-ups, and has appeared in six straight final fours.

Messina has sent over 90 players to the next level-- either drafted to the majors or have played college baseball. He has won Florida State Coach of the Year four times and was nominated as the Collegiate Baseball Coach of the Decade in the 1980's.

Messina has most recently made his impact as an administrator. He has won an FIAAA meritorious Service Award in 2009, two FHSAA State Sportsmanship Awards (2004, 2007), and has served on the FHSAA Representative Assembly for eight years. He has also been a member of the FACA for 20 years, and serves as district chairperson. He was instrumental in bringing the FHSAA State Baseball Finals to St. Lucie County for four successful years and has been exceptionally influential on all of those who have had the pleasure of knowing him. John's parents still reside in Springfield.

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MERCK PROVIDES HELPING HANDS TO SPRINGFIELD

Twelve employees of Merck and Company of Summit volunteered their skill and muscle to beautify Springfield's Veterans Park on April 26, 2013. Part of Merck's commitment to "giving back" and offering community service to towns, they spent most of the day cleaning, weeding, mulching and edging all of Veteran Park on Mountain and Shunpike Avenues.

Employee community service and giving back is part of Merck's Global Volunteering Policy.

The Township of Springfield is very grateful to Merck and all their volunteers for their help - you made a difference!

Picture is of Merck's volunteers and Robert Brennan, Master Gardener for the Springfield Public Works Department who supervised the community service initiative.

Springfield Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 27, 2013

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SPRINGFIELD ADOPTS PLEDGE TO ITS RESIDENTS

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Our Pledge to Springfield Residents

Customer Value - the key measure of our success is our customer's satisfaction.

Teamwork & Collaboration - our teamwork, both within and outside of the organization, are integral to our success.

Integrity - our employees will perform their duties in an honest, ethical manner at all times to maintain the respect, trust, and confidence of the public.

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Fire Chief's Column
Chief James Sanford

How to React to a Car Fire

When driving, you should never smell smoke and/or the acrid smell of burning wires. Smoke does not necessarily mean that the car is on fire, but it should always be treated seriously. Drive directly to the shoulder of the road and turn off the ignition.

According to the American Automobile Association and the National Fire Protection Association, there are nearly 300,000 car fires annually in the United States, resulting in more than 500 deaths. The leading cause of these fires was poor vehicle maintenance.

Here is some advice to prevent a fire and avoid problems with your car. Include a check of the fuel system during your regular maintenance. Electrical and fuel system problems are the primary causes of car fires. An early indication of a problem is an electrical fuse that blows more than once. The source of the tripped fuse could be either a faulty component or a wiring problem. Next, check for oil leaks and always use a funnel when adding oil. Oil spilled on a hot exhaust manifold can cause a fire.

Another source of fires is the catalytic converter. This is the cylindrical unit located in the exhaust system found before the muffler. Catalytic converters can become so hot they can ignite dried grass or leaves directly under the parked vehicle. Never park on dried grass or leaves.

Your first action, if you suspect that your car is on fire, should be to pull over immediately and turn off the engine. As you drive, the forward motion of the vehicle will force air into the engine compartment which feeds oxygen to the fire. It is best to stop in an area away from buildings and people, if you have that option. Burning plastics and other materials can produce toxic gases; therefore it is best not to expose yourself or bystanders.

Modern cars usually have an electric fuel pump; and by turning off the ignition, you will have stopped the flow of fuel to the fire. Next, get yourself and passengers out of the car and close the doors behind you. Closed doors and windows may limit the spread of fire by reducing the amount of oxygen available.

While explosions from car fires are rare (the most common is the bursting of a burning tire), you should stand clear of the area – especially avoiding the front and rear of the vehicle. Vehicles with slow impact bumpers are equipped with gas shock absorbers that, under intense heat, can explode and turn into lethal projectiles.

That's a lot to remember, so in summary, if smoke is billowing out of your car, pull over, turn off

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1000 RAHWAY RIVER WATERSHED RAIN GARDEN PLANS MOVE FORWARD

A plan to establish 1000 rain gardens in the Rahway River Watershed took a step forward with plans for a major campaign in the communities from Essex County to Union County that the Rahway River travels through. At the April 11 meeting of the Rahway River Watershed Storm water Advisory Board, plans were finalized to provide outreach on rain gardens through development of a facebook page; local access TV presentations, and handing out flyers provided by the Association of New Jersey Association of Environmental Commissioners (ANJEC). Outreach to boy scout troops interested in a community project; possible discounts on materials from partners and plans to ask the largest property owners in the two counties to establish a rain garden were considered.

Rain gardens, besides providing beneficial aspects to water quality, will help to increase the time of concentration on a regional basis providing flood waters "time to peak" which will then reduce the depth of water elevation in the river channels and then also reduce the width of over-the bank flows.

Faced with the extreme prospects of a next storm, the advisory board has taken a major step to make this objective of reducing peak flow damage and will be working with private and public partners to encourage homeowners and commercial property owners to act on their own and to get municipal governments and school boards to implement a regional plan.

The two other significant objectives of the new advisory board are making progress including the establishment of a plan to restore flood plains in the watershed and to advocate for open space purchase to regional policymakers. In addition, a review of the storm water management ordinances has been done and a plan to develop planning and zoning board training material on best storm water management practices is underway. All 24 municipalities in the Rahway River Watershed will be requested to consider stepping up their management of peak storm conditions.

The advisory board has a unique role in advising the Mayors Council Rahway River Watershed Flood Control on ways the region can better handle run off and flooding that resulted in over \$100 million damages in the region. The advisory board has also entertained discussions on whether it should become a more formal structure through state legislation.

The Advisory Board's next meeting is May 9. For further information contact 908-468-8806.

SPRINGFIELD FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE (SFMC)

at the Sarah Bailey Recreation Center, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

THURSDAY JUNE 6

For More Info Contact Barbara Hickey at bah0214@yahoo.com

----- All are welcome to attend. -----

**Please have your submissions and news articles
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Then head to the Morris Museum's "Blues, Brews & BBQ" benefit Saturday, May 18. The event starts with an outdoor performance at 5 p.m. by Nine Below Zero and then heads indoors for a concert at 7 p.m. featuring The Chaz DePaolo Blues Band and 2013 NYC Blues Hall of Fame inductee Christine Santelli.

Barbeque and a selection of beers will be for sale during the event, which is open to all ages and takes place at the museum, 6 Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown. Sponsors are the law offices of Bruce E. Baldinger, LLC, the Peerless Beverage Co., Encore Catering and The Star-Ledger. Additional support is provided by Picnic&Q catering.

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**APRIL 2013 TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE RECAP**

Last month, the workshop meeting was returned to its normal Monday night at the firehouse on April 8th. We reviewed reports from the township administrator, police and fire chiefs, public works and recreation department heads, our township CFO, and our township engineer. There was a preliminary analysis and discussion about the change to once per week trash pickup this year. The trends over the last several years pointed the township in this direction last year and the data continues to support the decision to keep the schedule of garbage pickup at once per week. The concerns about garbage pickup happening in the latter half of the week were also discussed. The committee felt this would encourage more recycling, since recycling is picked up on Wednesdays every week. Time will tell, but we feel optimistic. We also discussed alternatives to the larger scale bicycle path construction job on Mountainview Road. More discussion and alternative proposals will follow at our next workshop meeting on May 13th.

The first legislative meeting of April was held on Tuesday, April 12th in the town hall meeting room. We introduced a new ordinance concerning police

department manual revisions, as suggested by the police chief and then discussed and approved by the public safety sub-committee. We also introduced an ordinance amending and revising sections of the township land use ordinances, which were first discussed and approved by the planning board. Additionally, we approved payroll and vendor bills for the previous two week period, enacted a mutual agreement with the state to maintain certain highways running through Springfield, approved tax appeal refunds and overpayments, and other day to day necessities in order to allow the township employees to keep running the township of Springfield. Lastly, we had a closed session to discuss ongoing litigation related to the red light camera on Morris Avenue.

Our second legislative meeting of April took place on the 30th. We adopted the municipal budget for 2013 (see the mayor's letter for more about the budget), adopted ordinances for revisions to both the police and fire department manuals, and adopted an ordinance revising land use ordinances. We also introduced our capital improvement projects for this year, which includes road repaving, generators for township buildings (a direct result of after disaster determinations from both Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy), replacement trucks and police cars, and a new pool filtration system. We also approved payroll and vendor bills for the

previous two week period, and approved resolutions similar to other previous meetings, including more raffle licenses. The highlight of the meeting was at the beginning, for which there was a full, packed house. Denise Devone, chair of the environmental commission, and I, handed out certificates of recognition to numerous talented young artists, of whom all submitted designs for the recycling garbage can sticker contest. Congratulations to all who participated and our continued thanks for your awareness about the benefits of recycling.

The easiest ways to contact us are either at our regularly scheduled meetings: every second and fourth Tuesday each month at the Main Court Room in Town Hall, and also every Monday before the second Tuesday (not necessarily the second Monday) each month at the Office of Emergency Management Meeting Room in the Fire House; via each of our township email addresses:

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